the pump attendants are either semi-literate or illiterate.

(d) The response from the general public has been encouraging. Reports so far indicate that the retail outlet dealers have generally reacted favourably to the introduction of Credit Cards for setting the bills.

Import of Natural Gas from Indonesia and Bangladesh

5533. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to import natural gas from Indonesia and Bangladesh, apart from the Arab countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present production of natural gas in the country and the quantum of gas to be imported;

(d) the terms and conditions of import; and

(e) whether Government propose to boost production of natural gas, rather than import it and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (e) The proposals for the import of natural gas from Indonesia and Bangladesh are at a preliminary stage of examination. The quantity to be imported and the terms and conditions have not been decided yet. 53.09 MMSCMD was produced in the country in 1994-95. Steps taken to boost the production of natural gas include the development of new fields and additional development of some of the existing fields.

LPG/Agencies in Punjab

5534. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of LPG agencies in Punjab, as on the 31st March, 1995, district-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the number of LPG dealerships in the State during the next two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) As on 1.4.1995, there were 220 LPG distributorships in Punjab.

(b) to (d) In addition to the proposals pending from previous marketing plans, 40 LPG distributorships have been included in the LPG marketing plan 1994—96 for Punjab.

गुजरात में गैस एजेंसियों का बंद किया जाना

5535. श्री कनक सिंह मोहन सिंह मंगरौला :

श्री वी0 राजन चेल्लप्पा :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात में बंद की गई एजन्सियों की संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) इसके क्या कारण हैं और इनमें से कितनी एजेंसियों को पुनः आरंभ करने की अनुमति प्रदान की गई है ; और